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REMARKS**Pending Claims**

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 13, 14, and 25-41 are pending. Claims 3, 4-6, 10-12, and 15-24 have been canceled in a previous response. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Amended Claim

Claim 1 has been amended to delete "or vicinities thereof." No new matter has been added. By removing the above phrase from claim 1, claim 1 no longer reads on the cited prior art, Hand. Hand clearly shows a band running along the periphery of the buttocks. In claim 1 as amended, a first portion runs on top of the bulges of the buttocks. Thus, claim 1 and its dependent claims are no longer anticipated by Hand.

Summary

Applicants respectfully request that an Examiner's amendment be implemented to delete the phrase, "or vicinities thereof" in claim 1 to make claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 13, 4, 26, 28, and 32-40 allowable over the cited prior art.

Claims 7-9, 25, 27, 29-31, and 41 have been allowed.

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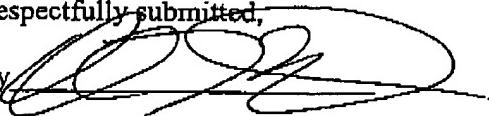
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Applicants believe the pending application is placed in condition for allowance by
making the amendment to claim 1 as proposed above.

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